

Fireweed Academy
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
February 28, 2022 via ZOOM and WHE Library
Meeting called to order @ 6 pm

Present: Bob Shavelson, Anna Raupp, Shannon Riley, Maygen Lotscher, Nick Poolos, Mo Wilkinson, Emilie Springer

Absent: Alex Koplín

Staff & Guests: Todd Hindman, Principal FWA, Sharlyn Young, Secretary FWA, Kim Fine, Stephanie Zuniga, Catherine Laky, Ashley Story, Kate Henry, Julie Poolos.

Public Comments: Kim Fine spoke about her thoughts about the bylaws revisions. Ashley Story spoke about her concerns about the masking policy. Stephanie Zuniga spoke about the decision making point in the bylaws, giving her opinion and sharing her concerns. Kate Henry shared her thoughts and concerns on the masking policy.

Approval of Agenda: Mo moved to approve 02.28.22 meeting agenda. Maygen seconded. Motion passed with unanimous approval. Amendments to agenda, moving the “CDC Updates” to the first item. Emily moved to move the CDC item. Maygen seconded. Agenda accepted, motion passed.

CDC Updates: Maygen spoke to our commitment to follow the CDC guidelines. The CDC has updated their advisories. That the Kenai Peninsula no longer has a suggestion to mask indoors. Nick spoke to the KPBSD updated mitigations. No longer contact tracing, and updated masking. He also gave some data about our numbers in the lower peninsula. Nick relayed that CDC alignment with schools is coming, not yet updated on the website. Emilie spoke about what she is noticing in the schools after school is out. Anna shared a quote from the CDC website. Bob asks “are we comfortable with taking what the CDC has now and making a decision about masking or do we wait until the schools section is updated?” Maygen moved to make a motion to change the masking requirement to after spring break, to give time to communicate with parents. Mo seconded. Bob put it up for a vote; Nick: no vote; Anna: No; Mo: Yes; Emilie: No; Shannon: No; Maygen: Yes; Bob: Yes. Motion not passed. Will continue to carry on as is, waiting to see what the CDC decides about the k-12 schools.

Committee Work Groups:

Approval of Minutes: Anna moved to approve February 7th meeting minutes. Nick scounded. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Admin Report:

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FY22 Enrollment:

FY22 Projected Enrollment: 112

Current Enrollment: 104

K (12), 1st (17), 2nd (17), 3rd (15), 4th (12), 5th (18), 6th (13)

K-6 (104), K-2 (46), 3-6 (58)

Teacher Contracts: Teacher contracts were sent to both tenured and non-tenured staff on February 8th. This was the first time non-tenured teachers have been provided contracts before Spring Break.

Snow Make-Up Day: Most likely we'll have one student day added on to the end of the school year to make up for our second school day to be canceled.

Title 1 Parent Resource Center: The staff at LFW are working with Erin Stevens to develop a Title 1 parent and student resource center. The center will include a workstation and a lending library of games, books and other resources geared towards social emotional well-being.

By-Laws Committee Report: Bob provided a memo. It is in the APC meeting packet. Went over what was discussed. Opened floor up for discussion. Anna and Nick commented about the need for consensus. Anna moved to approve the bylaws as they are drafted, Nick seconded. Nick moved to amend the bylaws to state decision making by consensus unless removing a member of the APC in which case it would be consensus minus one. Anna seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Fundraising Ideas: Anna spoke about the last fundraising meeting, minutes in the APC packet. She talked about creating a committee to lead a fundraising. Looking into approaching the 100 Men, Max has agreed to make the pitch to fundraise for Artist in the Schools. Suggested opening back up "Coffee with the APC" where parents have the opportunity to have a table talk with the APC.

Principal Evaluation Committee: Anna submitted the meeting minutes, they are in the APC packet. Moving approval of the policy to the next meeting. Anna spoke to best practices for creating the goals for Todd, through a question and answer collaboration between APC and committee. Anna and Maygen are working on a body of questions to help create these goals.

KPBSD Email System: Bob asked for instructions on how to log into the email. Carried this over to the next meeting as well.

Meeting Time Management: Bob suggests that we have a revised agenda format. Possibly a cap on public comments. Keep the top half of the agenda and revise the lower half of the agenda.

Open Discussion: Re Masking-

Emilie moved that the APC will adopt the updated CDC recommendations for K-12 if they are updated between now and 03.21.22. Shannon seconded. Motion passes.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:30

Minutes submitted by Sharlyn Young